

## WOMAN'S WORLD.

INTERESTING MEDICAL COMMENTS  
ON A RECENT LECTURE.A Young Woman Blacksmith—A Summer  
Skirt—Co-operation in a Small  
Town—Feminine Courage Rewarded.  
A Poetess Remembered.

The unscientific emotions evoked in certain quarters by the publication of Sir James Crichton-Browne's lecture on "Sex in Education" having now subsided to a certain extent, it will be interesting to consider a few of the facts ascertained and set forth by the lecturer. There can be no doubt, for instance, that the difference between the male and female brains. The difference corresponds to a difference in size.

The female brain in human creatures is smaller than that of the male and it is also lighter. The difference in weight is considerable. The average man's brain is between four and five ounces heavier than the average woman's. The reason, it may be said, is that the woman herself is smaller than the man in size and weight. That accounts partly for the difference, but not entirely.

It is shown by many and careful observations that if women were as tall as men and as heavy, the average weight of their brains would still be smaller than that of men by more than an ounce. The diminished size and weight of the brain is said to be a fundamental sexual distinction in the human species. It is not peculiar to civilized men and women, but is found universally among savages, wherever sufficient observations have been made. The difference in weight does not exhaust the catalogue of diversities. There is said to be also a difference of balance between the various parts of the compared brains. The occipital lobes, which preside chiefly over the physical functions of the organism, are declared to be more voluminous in the female than in the male, a physiological fact which is contrary to common belief. A third striking diversity is that while the white matter of the brain, which has no thought, is almost identical in weight in the two sexes, the specific gravity of the grey, or thought matter is decidedly higher in the male than in the female. Now, these are facts.

It is true that Sir James Crichton-Browne has set them forth, but it is not true that he has originated them. If any lady is disposed for a quarrel on the occasion she should not quarrel with Sir James Crichton-Browne, but with niggard nature, or with Mr. Matthew Arnold's unchivalrous "stream of tendency." It appears to be unquestionable that in purely intellectual endowment the man is superior to the woman. On the other hand, in the equally noble emotional capacity the woman is superior to the man. If these be the facts, as they certainly appear to be, it is well that both the sexes should recognize and make the best they can of them.—London Hospital.

**A Young Woman Blacksmith.**  
Miss Ray Beveridge, though in her teens, has developed much of the manual dexterity which seems to be a characteristic of the Beveridge family, and while in her sister Kuhn took the direction of modeling in clay. Miss Ray's fondness for hammering and tinkering was so manifest that some months ago she matriculated at the Cogswell Polytechnic school and has since pursued her studies and practice in metal work under Mr. McGowan, the instructor in blacksmithing of the school.

Her knowledge is more than a smattering, and on lesson days Miss Beveridge prepares herself for her work in a way that shows her enthusiasm. Old boots that cannot be harmed by the dust and grit of a forgeron are worn. Skirts of no value but for such uses clothe her, and when she appears in the smithy, with sleeves rolled up and arms bared like those of any other blacksmith, there is no suggestion of daintiness or unfitness for the labor in hand.

Instructor Matthews is proud of his unique pupil, and has taken pains to perfect her in all the details of metal working. Miss Beveridge breaks up her coal, starts her forge fire in regulation style, blows it into welding heat and sets about the special work in hand quite as heartily as any of the boys in the school. Her strength is not sufficient to enable her to heavy welding, and when that is necessary the instructor lends a hand, but in the ordinary manipulations she prides herself on being quite independent, and her work is both neatly and artistically done.

She has given especial study to the making of brackets, stands of various sorts and other light forging, and believes that a new direction for the energies of women has been discovered.—San Francisco Examiner.

## A Summer Skirt.

Do you feel as if summer was the time for wash goods; as if everything you were ought to go in the wash tub periodically; as if even a silk petticoat, with its frills, ruffles and platings, was a little too substantial and suggestive of cool weather, and notwithstanding all this, do you love the swish and soft fall of a silk skirt, and that peculiar air and sense of luxury and permissible extravagance that the finest muslin cannot give? You say yes to all these questions of course, so go and buy some pongee, or, better yet, some of those delightful wash silks, Japanese or China, that are to be found all over town.

Get eight yards and make your skirt as elaborate as you please; edge the ruffles with Valenciennes or Pointe à Paris lace as broad as your purse and taste permit, and the pretty skirt can go to the wash as often as you wish and never lose its first freshness all the summer through. A favorite way to make the skirt is to gore the front breadth and also the side ones; then run up two widths plain for the back. Have a foot ruffle two inches wide, having boned, not hemmed (a hem is apt to be stiff).

Over that gather a full flounce of the lace edged silk two fingers deep. Make a heading and run on the flounce with a cord. The back the back breadths close by with an inch wide surah ribbon.

Fit the skirt in front with three darts, and let all the fullness go to the back. Then will it be a joy and delight unto you to raise your severely plain tailcoat serge skirt and show the pretty garment that is sure never to fray and fade.—New York Press.

Co-operation is a Small Town.

Abilene, Kan., is a town of 4,000 inhabitants. For fifteen months fifty of

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the most prominent families there have been practicing a species of co-operation, and with such success that those engaged in it are looking forward to a more permanent organization. The object of the club, as stated in its bylaws, is to reduce the expense and annoyance of housekeeping by consolidation and co-operation. The club took a house for which it pays twenty dollars a month. Its working staff consists of a cook, with two assistants, and three dining room girls. The charges are \$2.50 and \$3 a week for grown persons and \$1.25 for children. The membership is limited to the number of chairs the dining room will hold. Families have private tables, and if they furnish their own table linen and silver they pay only \$2.50 a week. Visitors are charged twenty cents a meal for two days. Over that time weekly rates are paid for them. All board is paid on Saturday morning in advance. The executive committee of three meet on Saturday afternoons and pay bills. It is said so far as possible from the trades people, and thus earns their good will. Thus far each week's receipts have been sufficient for the expenses, and no bills have been carried over from one week to another. The club furnishes three warm meals a day. All complaints must be made to the proper person, the officers taking this service upon themselves in rotation.—San Francisco Argonaut.

## Feminine Courage Rewarded.

Representative George Fred Williams, of Massachusetts, appeared before the board which awards medals for heroism in saving life and urged that a medal be given to Miss Bertie O. Burr, of Nebraska, for rescuing two young ladies from drowning in the Blue river, near Crete, Neb., last summer. A number of young ladies were bathing in the river, when one of them threw up her hands and disappeared, sinking twice in twenty feet of water before Miss Burr could go to her rescue. Miss Burr was the only swimmer in the party of five or six and plunged boldly into the swift current, bringing the drowning young woman safely to shore.

Another young woman waded so far out into the stream under the excitement of the moment that she was carried off her feet by the current and Miss Burr went out again and brought her safely to shore. Miss Burr had learned to swim at Lasell female seminary, at Auburn, Mass. The principal of the seminary, Professor Braden, wrote a strong letter on the subject to Representative Williams and Mr. Williams went to the treasury department and presented the case so strongly to the examining board that it was voted unanimously to grant a medal.—Boston Transcript.

**A Poetess Remembered.**  
Years ago a young woman of Madison, Ind., who has since obtained celebrity as a poetess, met an exiled German officer of high degree who was traveling off her feet by the current and Miss Burr went out again and brought her safely to shore. Miss Burr had learned to swim at Lasell female seminary, at Auburn, Mass. The principal of the seminary, Professor Braden, wrote a strong letter on the subject to Representative Williams and Mr. Williams went to the treasury department and presented the case so strongly to the examining board that it was voted unanimously to grant a medal.—Boston Transcript.

The woman in the case is Mrs. Louise Bowman McClain, wife of the Rev. Thomas B. McClain, of the southeast Indiana conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, who is at present pastor of the church at Milton, Ind. Her parents died in Madison, where she attended school, several years ago. Her three brothers—Charles, Milo and Elijah Bowman—are citizens of Madison. She is a kinswoman of the venerable Methodist bishop, Thomas Bowman.

Mrs. McClain has been chosen as Indiana's representative poetess at the World's Columbian exposition at Chicago.—Madison Cor. Chicago Tribune.

## A Honored Veteran.

The Hungarian papers report the death of Fran Marie Hoche, aged sixty-two, who was an "ober lieutenant" in the Honved army and gained the medal for bravery on the field of battle. In 1848 Marie Hoche was eighteen and entered the Vienna Volunteer corps without being recognized as a woman. She then went to Hungary and became a "jager." On the field of battle she was promoted to a lieutenant and decorated with the medal, having been badly hurt in one foot. She became a hussar, and as such was advanced to first lieutenant.

By a mere chance her sex was discovered shortly afterward, and a major, who had long had a liking for the "plucky young fellow" in his regiment, married her. The warlike couple were wedded by an army chaplain. At Vils-

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gus the wife was taken prisoner, and a child was born in the fortress. After the death of the major his widow married Lieutenant Hoche, whom she also survived. She was very poor during the last years of her life, but Manus Jockay, the Hungarian poet, called public notice to her and obtained some relief for her.—Vienna Cor. London News.

**Mrs. Ingersoll's Humane Act.**  
Mrs. Ingersoll is one of the most enthusiastic members of the Henry Borgh society. A few weeks ago she was stepping out of her New York residence to her carriage, when she saw a poor specimen of a horse dragging an immense

## The Earliest Lighthouses.

Fire towers at the entrances to ports were established in the earliest historic times. Bonfires were built on top of them at night.—Washington Star.

## PRUDENTIAL CONSIDERATIONS.

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Miss Mabel McQuinn had said yes. Softly and in a whisper she had uttered the word, but Victor Spoonmore had heard it.

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The moon went behind a friendly cloud for a moment.

During which moment the bold, ardent youth embraced an opportunity and—

Up and down the broad south side boulevard they strolled, heedless of the flight of time. Her little hand rested in the hollow of his arm. Being a young man possessed of more than a thimbleful of brains he knew better than to grab her elbow after the fashion prevalent in Bridgeport and Kalamazoo and yank her along the sidewalk like a frugal husband on a small salary endeavoring to steer a reluctant wife past an auction room.

"It only remains now, Mabel," he pleaded, "for you to name the day. Make it early, please."

Miss Mabel proceeded to temporize. "What will your family say when they hear of this?" she asked.

"The family will be delighted. I fancy nobody will be greatly astonished, but if your people can stand it mine can. It's our own affair, anyhow. It wouldn't make any difference what the family thinks."

"It's an old family, isn't it?"

"We can trace our ancestry back hundreds of years," said the young man proudly. "There was a Spoonmower in Shakespeare's time. A Spoonmure was an officer at the court of King George III. The Spoonmores came to this country in 1817, and many of them have filled positions of honor and trust in Virginia and New England for the last seventy-five years. It was a Spoonmore that officiated at the laying of the cornerstone of the Boston state house.

There were Spoonmores in the diplomatic service in President Madison's time. There were plenty of them in both armies during the war of the rebellion. One was a brigadier general. A New Jersey Spoonmore designed the house you and I will live in, Mabel—a large, stately building on Prairie avenue, with seventeen rooms and all the modern conveniences."

"You have reason to be proud of your people, Victor. Don't you hold family reunions sometimes?"

"Once in a while."

"There must be a great many of you."

"Hundreds, Mabel—hundreds."

"Are there any other representatives of the family in Chicago besides you?" she asked, after a moment's silence.

"None that I know of," he answered.

"That settles it, Victor," exclaimed the young woman sadly, but with iron firmness. "We shall not be married until the World's fair is over!"—Chicago Tribune.



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